Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Government do not think that any useful purpose will be served by placing on the table statement of the kind referred to. The invitations were not issued on a caste-war basis.

(b) The European gentlemen in the invitation list were:—

1. Mr. Barton Wright — M. L. C.
2. ,, W. Grant — Members, European Chamber of Commerce.
3. ,, J. E. Pitcairn — Members, European Chamber of Commerce.
4. ,, J. J. Mcgregor — Members, European Chamber of Commerce.
5. ,, W. G. Black — Members, European Chamber of Commerce.
6. ,, M. Price, Port Officer.
7. ,, R. C. Bristow, Harbour-Engineer-in-Chief.
8. ,, A. G. Milne, Harbour Executive-Engineer.

Petition from Mr. M. K. Ganapathy Ayyar for promotion.

66. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received any petition from Mr. M. K. Ganapathy Ayyar, Jailor, regarding his claims for promotion as Superintendent of Jails ; if so, will a copy of his petition be placed on the table of the House ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes. A copy of the petition is placed on the table. (*Appendix I.*)

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—With regard to the petition in (*Appendix I*), may I know what is the order and what was done with that petition ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The request for reconsideration was refused and he was told that he should be more considerate in using his language.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know which was the portion which was considered not in proper form ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The last sentence of para 2.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Was there an order to withdraw that portion ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Has it been withdrawn ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It has been.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—It is said in answer to the previous question that the latest black mark was very recent. It is seen from the petition that he was given an increment at the time of the revision of pay consequent upon the recommendations of the Special Finance Committee. When he was given this increment were not his previous records considered ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—To give an increment does not mean to absolve him from his past conduct.

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APPENDIX I.

(*Vide Answer to Question No. 66.*)

Petition dated 25th Edavam 1107, from Mr. M. K. Ganapathy Ayyar, Jailor, Central Jail, Trichur.

I am very much aggrieved at the order appointing Mr. A. T. Thomas, as Jail Superintendent, in face of the correspondence ending with Diwan's Memo L. Dis. No. 9529/07, dated 22nd February 1932 and for the following facts:—

(1) I will be completing 30 years of State Service on the 3rd of next Malayalam month, of which more than 9 years were in this Department. I am nearing 50 years of age and am drawing a salary of Rs. 110, now on a scale of Rs. 100—125. When I was transferred to this Department 9 years ago, my pay was only Rs. 75—100. During the latest revision of pay, it was raised to Rs. 100—125, presumably, to still narrow the gap between the pay of the Jailor and that of the Superintendent and thus to prevent an outsider being brought in as Superintendent. During the last 9 years, all the successive Inspector-General of Prisons, and visitors both officials and non-officials, have unanimously recorded their appreciation of my work here. The Jail Committee in para (1) of Chapter III of its report, contained in the Huzur Office file C. No. 479/03, has opined that, if the next Superintendent is not one, from the Department, he should have at least 6 months' training in a British Jail. Still, I requested the Government on 4th Dhanu 1104, to send me for training and I was informed in the Diwan's Memo, communicated to me in I. G. P.'s endorsement on C. No. 96/01, dated 21st Makaram 1104 that I need no training. This shows that the Government have been satisfied of my technical qualifications for the Superintendent's post. Sir, ever since you took charge of the administration of the State, much needed reforms were introduced to bring this Jail on a line with British Jails. Some of these reforms were given effect to and some require modifications, while some more important items are in their embrio. In this matter, the Superintendent Mr. Mannadi Nayar, being new to the Department, was mainly guided by my experienced advice. In proposing the reforms, it was I who took the initiative of placing before the Government a pet scheme of mine, to convert the extensive Jail compound into a fuel coupe in view of my practical experience in the Forest department so that the realisation of the perennial revenue anticipated from it and from the manufacturing department by the installation of automatic looms, may enable the State to make this Jail a self-supporting institution. The correctness of this statement, and the feasibility of the scheme can be found in the letter dated 21st May 1932, C. No. 598/07 of the technical authority, viz., the Conservator of Forests, contained in the Huzur Office File L. 5. 5353/07. The brunt of the work in this jail as in every other jail, is and has to be borne by the jailor and it is but natural that he should expect some compensation for the discharge of his onerous duties in the shape of a promotion when there is an opportunity.

(2) Mr. A. T. Thomas has put in only about 23 years service and has yet before him 8 years. He has been drawing only Rs. 100 a month, on a scale of Rs. 80—100. He is therefore not only my junior in service and pay, but also is one having no experience at all in jail administration. Perhaps it might be argued that he is a graduate. If so, there is not only nothing in the Standing Orders to show that the Jail Superintendent should be a graduate, but there is the Diwan's latest circular to show that preference should not be given to graduates in place where the work could be managed by the under-graduates. My work here for the past 9 years would prove my educational competency to manage the work of the Jail Superintendent,

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as good as or rather much better than Mr. A. T. Thomas; nor were Messrs. Augustus and Labouchadiere who retired as Jail Superintendent with brilliant record of service, graduates. Mr. A. T. Thomas with 8 years more before him, has good prospects in the Police Department itself as Prosecuting Inspector, Reserve Inspector and District Superintendent of Police while I have only 5 years more with no other prospects than a promotion as Jail Superintendent. His appointment to the next higher grade, as Jailor on Rs 100—125, would indeed be a substantial promotion for him at present, with the prospect of becoming the Superintendent in the near future, as my days in the department are not long. The fact remains that Mr. Thomas, in spite of his academical qualification and vast experience, was not able to rise above the rank of a 1st grade Inspector in the Police Department where there are Prosecuting Inspectors, Reserve Inspector and District Superintendents. One is therefore led to suspect how he was found more competent for Jail Superintendent's post —outside his own department—than I, who have been in the department for 9 years with admittedly stainless service. I am afraid, Sir, that either these facts have not been brought to your notice or were not considered by you, at the time of passing the above order or perhaps that a slur has been slyly cast behind my back at a critical moment.

3. I, therefore, hasten to place these facts before you with the confidence that you will be kind, gracious and sympathetic enough to reconsider the order and to confer upon me the only and the long overdue boon at the fag end of my long and hard service.

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